

sin, we cannot share his spirit or his glory.

9-11 Also my hands and my head. Honest and loving, in spite of all his blundering, Peter will submit to anything rather than be separated from Jesus. Bathed (Rev. Ver.) needeth not, etc. The disciples were like men who had taken a bath, but had soiled their feet in walking to a feast. They were true at heart, despite their evil temper and jealousy. Clean, but not all. Judas was the sad exception. He had never been a true disciple.

II. THE GREAT MASTER.—12-15. Know ye what I have done...? The explanation promised in v. 7 came quickly. There was a double lesson in this act of Jesus. Ye call me Master and Lord; the first lesson: no honor was too high for Jesus, no service too lowly for them. Ye also ought, etc.; the second lesson: they had their Lord's example, let them follow it. We keep the spirit of his command when we do lowly service of any kind for those who need it.

THE GEOGRAPHY LESSON



Across the Valley of the Kidron to the east of Jerusalem, rose the MOUNT OF OLIVES, whither Jesus so often went. It was really a chain of hills, with three summits. The central hill is the Mount of Olives proper. It is 2,637 feet above the level of the Mediterranean, 500 higher than the Kidron Valley, and 196 feet higher than Mt. Moriah, on which the temple stood.

LESSON QUESTIONS

3 How is the dignity of Jesus described? What was the purpose of this description? Where is it said that all things are put under the feet of Jesus? (1 Cor. 15:27.) Where does Jesus claim all power? (Matt. 28:18.) Show that Jesus was sent of God. (John 9:4.) Where does Jesus teach that he had lived in glory? (John 17:5.)

4, 5 How did Jesus prepare himself for the foot-washing? Where did a woman wash the feet of Jesus with her tears? (Luke 7:36, 38, 44.) Why was none of the disciples ready to do this service for the others?

6-8 Which of the disciples opposed Jesus' washing of his feet? Explain Jesus' reply. What condition of discipleship did Jesus lay down?

9-11 What did Peter at last wish Jesus to do? Explain our Lord's answer in vs. 10, 11.

12-15 What was the first lesson which the foot-washing was intended to teach? What was the second?

FOR DISCUSSION

1. Did Jesus, by washing the disciples' feet, mean to establish a formal ceremony?

2. Do the humble receive the highest honor?

A PRAYER

Father, teach us the folly of thinking of ourselves more highly than we ought to think. Show us ourselves as we are, that we may turn with longing to Jesus, who is our life, our hope, our assurance of blessing and peace and love. Make us like him. As he went about doing good, so may we forget self in service. May it be our highest ambition to find joy, as he found it, in giving joy to saddened hearts. Empty us of self and fill us with thyself, that we may be channels through which thy blessings flow to all the world. For thy name's sake. Amen.

Prove from Scripture—That we should be humble.

Shorter Catechism—Ques. 92. What is a sacrament? A. A sacrament is an holy ordinance, instituted by Christ, wherein, by sensible signs, Christ, and the benefits of the new covenant, are represented, sealed, and applied to believers.

The Question on Missions—(May, THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY HOSPITAL AT HAM HEUNG, KOREA)—6. Why is there much sickness in Korea that might be prevented? Because of the ignorance and superstition of the people. They think many diseases are caused by evil spirits, and have no knowledge of proper food or cleanliness or hygiene; nor do they know that many kinds of diseases are "catching." Great numbers of infants die on account of improper care and food.

FOR WRITTEN ANSWERS

1. How is the greatness of Jesus described?

2. How did he show his humility?

3. How can we obey the command of v. 14?

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